

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EDC-04-99(agd)**

### **Agenda**

Date: 26 July 1999

Time: 12:30 – 3:30

Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

## **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES 1 AND 3**

### **Chair's opening remarks**

#### **Item 1: Producing and implementing effective strategies**

(2 hours 10 minutes)

#### **Purpose :**

- i. To gain an understanding of the key components of an effective strategy and effective implementation.
- ii. To begin the assessment of the potential of the current proposals to tackle the problems outlined in the National Development Strategy and the Objective 1 and 3 programme documents.
- iii. To consider the principles and practical issues surrounding implementation of the programmes set out in the consultation documents.

**Papers:** EDC-04-99-(p.1) – a paper covering the task force's interim recommendations, the issues the task force considered in making these recommendations and the issues still to be resolved.

**The following people will be joining the committee for the discussion:**

Tom Heffernan - Dept of Finance, Republic of Ireland;

Denis Malone - Director of the Highlands and Island Partnership (currently running the Objective 1 Programme in Scotland).

George Barrett, ECOTEC – undertaken many evaluations for the Commission of Objective 1 programmes (particularly in UK and Ireland).

Prof. Robert Moore - consultant with experience of the Merseyside Objective 1 programme.

Jeff Andrews - economic development policy officer in Cardiff County Council, a long standing member of the ISW monitoring committee and was involved in negotiating and drawing up the last Objective 2 programme. **(to be confirmed)**

### **Assembly Officials in Attendance:**

Mr Michael Cochlin (Director of Economic Development Group)

Mr Alan Lansdown (Head of European Affairs Division)

Ms Anne Stephenson (Regional Development Division)

**There will be 20 minute break at 1:45pm .**

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Item 2: Handling of further consideration (30 minutes)

### **Purpose:**

(i) agree the Committee's remit for considering the documents;

(ii) consider the proposed arrangements for consultation, in conjunction with regional committees, on the programme documents;

(iii) note the dates when other committees will be considering the documents;

(iv) note the dates when the Committee can further consider the documents and draw up its advice to the Assembly Secretary;

(v) consider which organisations should be invited to attend;

**Papers:** EDC-04-99(p.2)